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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

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Group Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: 09/462,845)

Examiner: Yong Pak

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For: Proteases from Gram-Positive
Organisms)AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 8) mailed September 27, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. A Two-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of December 27, 2001. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:~~Please cancel claims 8 and 12-16.~~

Please replace claims 1, 9 and 11 with the clean copy of those claims set out below. A separate sheet is attached showing the changes made to the claims.

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a1 1. A gram-positive microorganism having a mutation or deletion of part or all of one or more of the genes encoding SP1, said mutation or deletion resulting in the inactivation of the SP1 proteolytic activity.